

International Baccalaureate update

International Baccalaureate (IB) training for elementary certified staff is available March 10-11 at St. Edward High School in Lakewood. The two-day training will help Westlake toward achieving an IB goal of training all elementary staff in the program.

Anyone who is interested in the March training should email their IB coordinator for their building - Deb Wadden covers Hilliard and Bassett and can be reached at waddenD@wlake.org and Colleen Steidel covers Dover and Holly Lane and can be reached at steidel@wlake.org.

org.

This is the first time training has been offered in Northeast Ohio. Registration begins shortly, so email your IB building coordinator to ensure you are on the list.

LBMS E-Club Go Bananas Challenge

The Cincinnati Zoo's Project Saving Species and The Gorilla Glue Company have teamed up to create a national competition called the Go Bananas Challenge! for schools and scout groups to create campaigns to collect and recycle cell phones to help save gorillas.

Cell phones contain an ore called coltan, found in the Democratic Republic of Congo – right in the middle of gorilla habitat.

As a direct result of mining for coltan, the world's gorilla population is losing its habitat, being displaced and being killed by poachers. Recycling a cell phone reduces the need to mine for coltan.

The LBMS E-Club is collecting and recycling used cell phones. Phones can be turned in at the LBMS front office, or people can contact Daniel Grigson for other arrangements at Grigson@wlake.org.

Importance of Being Earnest

The WHS Center Stage Players present Oscar Wilde's trivial comedy for serious people, "The Importance of Being Earnest," on Nov. 18 and 19 at 7pm, and Nov. 20 at 2pm at the Westlake Schools Performing Arts Center.

General admission is \$7.

Ohio Teacher of the Month

Nominate a special teacher who makes a difference in the community for the Westfield Insurance Teacher of the Month award. Log on to www.ONNtv.com or www.westfieldinsurance.com for a nomination form. Students, parents and educators can make nominations. ONN will acknowledge one teacher in Ohio each month with a plaque and a news vignette.

Preschool happenings . . .

Preschoolers in Kim McCue's class at Hilliard started the school year with a mouse theme. "Mouse's First Day of School" by Lauren Thompson helped ease the transition from home to school by familiarizing our youngest students with fun and useful things they might encounter in the classroom.



use red, yellow and blue to create secondary colors.

We explored colors, numbers and shapes when we read "Mouse Paint" and "Mouse Count" by Ellen Stoll Walsh. The children had a great time painting mice with primary colors and discovered how to

The concepts of fewer and more were introduced as the mice moved between the jar and freedom. We combined our color identification and math skills as we graphed our favorite colors.



At the end of the unit, the children identified different shapes and followed three step directions as they made a special mouse snack.

Demons Club online fall spirit wear sale, staff discount

The Westlake Demons Club is holding an Online Fall Spirit Wear Sale from NOW until Friday, Oct. 14. We have loads of new items – all with the look of the new brand!

As a school district employee, use PROMO code: XYZWSC to obtain a 10% discount on all spirit wear sales! Visit the Demons Club website at www.WestlakeDemonsClub.com

and click on "The Demons Club" store link at the top of the page. All purchases made by Oct. 14 can be picked up on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10am to Noon at the WHS Cafeteria.

2011/2012 health insurance rate adjustments posted

The following insurance rates became effective Oct. 1:

Family

Medical = \$105.60/month

Medical (w/spousal requirement) = \$89.76/month

RX = \$24.44/month

Single

Medical = \$42.24/month

RX = \$9.76/month

Employee deductions will be based on a pro-rata contract calculation.



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